The **Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist** major allows students to develop clinical expertise, lead nursing care and make real change happen at the bedside and in the boardroom. CNSs are the only Advanced Practice Registered Nurse educated and skilled to not only diagnose and prescribe care for specific patient populations but also raise the level of care at the bedside coaching nurses and leading change efforts across health care systems.

**Career Opportunities**

The Adult-Gerontology CNS is in demand as there is a national shortage of specialists in older adult care. CNS care is being stretched thin as many health care systems have only one CNS. In short, the need for CNSs has never been greater. Being a CNS is not only professionally rewarding, but lucrative. The highest pay hikes among APRN salaries were among CNSs up to $102K.

**Why Detroit Mercy?**

- Our students experience the full breadth of the CNS role as a prescriber, coach for patients and staff, team builder and change agent, while improving quality of care and the bottom line for healthcare systems. Our students take the role across healthcare settings from acute to wellness providing holistic care.

- Our graduates know who they are when they graduate and are practice-ready. Our graduates have achieved a 100% pass rate for the national certification exams for the Adult-Gerontology CNS through ANCC (non-acute care CNS), AACN (critical care CNS) and ONC-C (oncology).

- 100% of our graduates are employed in CNS roles, care coordination, academia and across settings to include telemedicine.

- Our dynamic CNS faculty want to make your experience at Detroit Mercy the best it can be. They maintain an atmosphere of rigor with flexibility and will work diligently with any student who needs extra support. Students choose their pace. That is the Detroit Mercy way.

**Program Requirements**

For a complete list of degree requirements, please visit the AGCNS section of the online catalog at [http://www.udmercy.edu/academics/catalog/](http://www.udmercy.edu/academics/catalog/)

**Admission Requirements**

1. Apply online by visiting udmercy.edu/apply
2. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from a nationally-accredited program
3. Official transcripts of all undergraduate & graduate coursework
4. Minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA
5. (3) Professional Recommendations
6. Curriculum Vitae or Resume
7. Autobiographical statement of goals and objectives
8. Interview with CNS faculty

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